

## WEST LICK.

Messrs. O. D. Shepard and Marlow Meinson of Centralia were the guests of S. P. Beadles last Saturday and Sunday.

E. O. Snedeker and G. W. McIntyre delivered turkeys at Martinsburg Friday @ 13 cents per lb. and 10% discount.

Miss Mary Fairies of Laddonia visited Misses Ethel and Lena Moomaw, Saturday and Sunday.

Those who attended the Odd Fellows supper at Laddonia from here last Saturday night were as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Fraher, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Fervis and son, Charles, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Teague Messrs. J. S. Dalton, N. A. Brown, and L. R. Torreyson.

J. J. James and Walter Anderson were in Monroe County first of the week.

Miss Leona Whitehouse of near Laddonia is visiting relatives and friends in this community.

Born, to Joe Atkinson and wife, Dec. 4, a son.

Mrs. Arthur Brandon and two children and sister, Miss Beulah Hadan, visited at Roy Elamis.

George Hagan of Stoutsville, Monroe County and sister-in-law, Mrs. Belle Elliot of Monroe City, are the guests of relatives in this vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Dubray entertained Mr. and Mrs. Fess Cuthorn.

Mrs. Sarah Baskett died last Friday evening at the age of 84 years, 11 months and 14 days. She made her home with her son and family, Jesse Baskett. She was a good Christian woman, and was loved by all who knew her. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. Funeral services were conducted Sunday morning at 10 o'clock at her home by Rev. G. M. C. Oakes. The body was shipped to Louisiana for interment. The bereaved ones have the sympathy of the community.

## GANT

Dr. Sims Harrison has located at Gant. We extend to him a hearty welcome and wish for him a successful future.

Robert Davis who has been quite sick is much better.

Mrs. Gilda is convalescent.

Taylor Squire has sold out to John Cook of Centralia. Mr. Squires has moved to his father's farm and Mr. Cook has taken possession.

Bob Shock has a position with Patterson in Centralia.

The community has been blessed with health while we have been without a doctor, but the time of the year is drawing near when sickness abounds, and we are glad to have a doctor at the old stand.

Price Cunningham starts to Colorado with a party of homeseekers next Tuesday.

Chas. Sellars bought stock hogs at 5 cents.

Ike Wilson delivered stock hogs in Centralia at 5 1/2 cents.

## POWELL FORD

Most everybody through gathering corn off the stalk, but have shock corn out yet.

Several families in this vicinity will butcher this week.

Miss Pauline Powell spent a few days last week with Mrs. Harry Householder of Duly.

The weather and roads have been fine this fall.

The box social at Carter school house was well attended and enjoyed.

Elmer Dowell and sons, James and Virgil, of St. Louis were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Dowell last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sullivan attended the funeral of Mrs. Hayes last Sunday.

## THOMPSON.

Miss Hattie Brown was out a

few hours Monday from Mexico.

F. M. Shell spent Monday here on business.

R. L. Davis who has been quite sick with catarrh is better.

Judge Baker Barnes is attending County Court this week they are winding up the year's business.

Miss Myrtle Mayes left Sunday to visit her sister in Bowling Green.

Dr. Allen was here from Moberly Monday, looking over our village. He is thinking of locating for the practice of his profession.

Al. Robinson will leave this week to locate in Ark.

H. E. Holmes was here from Iowa Thursday. He has sold his farm of 260 acres to the Daniels Brothers.

Quite a number of our good people went out Saturday and gathered the corn of R. L. Davis, he being sick and not able to work. This speaks well for a community.

William Zuck and wife have been entertaining Mesdames, Austin and Blair of Chenoah, Ill., Marritt Austin and wife of Grant City, Mo., and R. T. Wilson and wife of St. Edwards, Neb.

## SKINNER

The debate at Brien Friday night between Brien and Central, was well attended. The discussion was on question of Columbus deserving more honor for the discovery of America than Washington in defending it Brien won out by holding up the affirmative.

Russell Spurling is finishing his large corn crib by putting a shingle roof on it.

Rev. Joseph Stermlinger of Sturgeon filled pastor King's pulpit at Bethlehem Sunday morn and evening. Bro. King is in a protracted effort.

A singing will be had at Bethlehem Saturday night next meeting at 6:30 o'clock, and on each succeeding Saturday night.

Most all our neighbors finished gathering corn last week.

Jack Polis is again in Audrain after a year and half stay in Eastern Colo. and Western Neb. Welcome to Jack.

J. W. Blum was on Chicago's Monday, Dec. 2, market with a three load consignment of yearling 1,000 pound cattle that commanded \$5.10 per cwt.

Uncle Henson Spurling has rented the widow Grant Spurling's farm on Range Line road for the ensuing year.

James W. Yeager has bought a farm off the Lakeau & Barnes farm just west of here. Also Arthur Yeager has bought a portion of that farm both paying \$55 per acre, with no improvements.

Misses Florence and Ruth Carpenter entertained a number of their friends recently in their excellent new home.

The Misses Chapman and brothers entertained about forty of their friends at a pound and pie party

## NORTH MOLINO.

Miss Tessie Cauthorn who has been suffering with the chills for a number of months is but little better.

Miss Henrietta Dudley Patterson writes back from West Texas, that the country is beautiful and she attended preaching last Sunday, the first day of December, without any wraps. Says she wants the MESSAGE sent to her, to keep her in touch with Audrain news.

John Cauthorn and sister, Pauline visited friends in Shelby Co. Friday till Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Cauthorn visited Mr. Donaldson and family near Paris last week.

This is beautiful weather. We attended Sunday school and church yesterday, Dec. 8th and there was no need of any fire, so it is very nearly as warm here as in Texas and Okla.

## DULY.

R. S. Martin and family of Mexico visited at the home of F. T. Harris.

Mr. Morrall sold 3,000 bu. of corn to Chas. Lewis at 45c per.

Mr. Hall and family of DeWitt, Ill., are moving to the Crosby farm.

Miss Vinita Lambert who is attending school in Columbia spent Thanksgiving with her parents.

Miss Conrad of LeRoy, Ill., is visiting her cousin, Mrs. Pauline.

The Womans Foreign Missionary Society met with Mrs. Theo. Selb.

Mrs. J. Quinlan who was seriously injured last Monday by a team running away and throwing her out of the conveyance on her head is much better.

Revival meeting closed at Trinity last Friday with 8 additions to the church.

Mr. Littrell sold 40 bu. of corn to Mr. Bledsoe at 40 cts per bu.

**HIGH HILL DISTRICT.**

We have a new doctor at Gant, Dr. Sims Harrison of Marshall.

Mrs. Perry Miller and children of Marshall are here visiting home folks.

Rev. H. B. Rice filled his appointment at New Hope Sunday.

Mrs. J. H. Turner is sick.

C. E. Sellers bought shoats of different parties at 5¢.

John Bodkin is suffering with a carbuncle on his hand.

Mr. Cook of Centralia will move to the farm he lately bought at \$50 per acre, known as the John Woods farm.

Rev. W. D. Polis and family returned to Miller Co. Mr. Polis was engaged in revival meetings near Brunswick over two weeks.

The new German church near this place will be dedicated the 22. Ollie Sims has a new blacksmith shop. We will patronize him.

Miss Leda Miller is home from Marshall where she has been attending school.

Gene Patton's team ran away while gathering corn—ran into barbed wire fence. Not much damage done.

Mrs. Allen and daughter of Hickory Co. are visiting their daughter and sister, Mrs. Zehr.

Miss Annie Marshall, our teacher, and Miss Ora Miller were callers at B. F. Polies'.

Mr. and Mrs. Green Gant of Champ and also Ollie Sims family visited J. H. Turner.

Lewis Smith of near Rush Hill is feeding 200 head of hogs for the market.

Thomas Kunkel, northeast of this city, is feeding 50 head of cattle for the market.

Jacob Seiger, northeast of town was in to see the MESSAGE. Mr. Seiger and his brother, Henry, had a crop of 110 acres of corn this season and they are rejoicing that it is all gathered and safely in the crib.

L. F. Austin is in Vandalia assisting Herman Butts in his poultry business, getting ready for Christmas.

They have interesting debating society at Beaver Dam school house. Next Saturday night they will discuss the question, "Resolved, That the Civil War was a benefit to the country." John F. Davis is going to give them some statistics, and look out, boys, that his side doesn't win.

Mrs. B. W. Hale and little daughter of near Laddonia were visitors in Mexico Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. Joseph Valaski of this city is very ill.

Mrs. John Pate and daughter of Laddonia are guests of Mrs. Barton Hubbard here.



## WATCHES For Christmas

From the Boy's \$1.00 watch to the handsome gold case with its diamond and Ruby jeweled movement costing \$100 at



## THE HOUSE OF QUALITY

Our Watch Bargains are **YOURS** during this  
**Great Christmas Watch Sale**

**ART AND BUSINESS**—That just about tells the story of our watches. The cases are **ART** and the works are **BUSINESS**

We are showing twenty styles of gold filled cases fitted with either genuine Elgin or Waltham jeweled movements. Your choice for **\$10.00**. Cases guaranteed for 20 years. Movements guaranteed satisfactory. **Engraving free of charge.**

**STEP IN AND LOOK AROUND**

Three stores **Worrall, The Jeweler** On the Corner

John Leniton, who in using a road scraper last week suffered two broken fingers, had one of them amputated this week.

J. D. Kendall of Waggoner, Ill., is here on a visit to his brother Judge S. E. Kendall. Mr. Kendall is an enthusiastic local option man. He says prohibition is popular with the people of his portion of Illinois.

Walker Pollock sold a number of Poland China male hogs at auction on the street last Saturday. Among those who made single purchases were L. N. Ketter, one for \$8.00; S. P. Emmons, \$9.00; F. M. Shoup, \$10; J. Hord Davis \$10; J. H. Dillard, \$6; A. Feger \$6.50; W. L. Kent, \$8; Theo. Barnes, \$7.50; Chas. Muir, \$5; R. T. Muir, \$4.50.

Mrs. Jessie Allen of Carthage, a guest of Mrs. Elizabeth Allen on East Love street, left yesterday to visit her parents, J. J. Johnson and wife near Wellsville.

The first quarterly meeting for Mexico Station will be held Dec. 15 and 16. Full attendance of all members is desired. The reports for the district for the first quarter are good. Presiding Elder Browning tells us that the charges are reporting out in full, except one, and the interest was never better.

## Ed Moore Hurt.

Ed. Moore of this city, a son of Dr. F. M. Moore of Perry, breaking on the Burlington, fell from the tender of his engine at Old Monroe last Sunday morning and was seriously hurt, his head striking a rock. The skull was fractured above his right ear and the surgeons at the Baptist Sanitarium, St. Louis, removed a portion of the skull bone. Edgar was still unconscious yesterday with some chances for his recovery.

THE Mexico City Council has given an ordinance first and second readings which makes it a misdemeanor for any police officer to become intoxicated while in the discharge of his duties, or who shall frequent saloons except in the discharge of his duties, or accept from any person arrested presents or gratuities of any description or shall fail or neglect to discharge any duty enjoined upon him by virtue of any ordinance of the city.

Corn near Benton City is selling at 40 cts per bushel.

Hear Col. G. W. Bain at the Opera House next Sunday afternoon.

Col. George W. Bain, the "silver-tongued" of Kentucky, at the Mexico opera house next Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The lecture is free. Everyone for miles around Mexico should hear it.

E. C. Deskin at New Franklin, Mo., is a new reader of the MESSAGE.

Our \$17.00 suit for \$9.75 this week beats anything in town.

RICKETTS & EMMONS D. G. Co.

**Mrs. Cornett Dead.**

The wife of Mr. Jeff Cornett, of this city, died yesterday morning. Mrs. Cornett had been seriously ill for some time and her death was not unexpected.

The funeral will be held at the home today, at 2 o'clock p. m., conducted by Rev. H. E. Truex.

The pall bearers will be: J. E. Jesse, S. D. Stocks, J. A. Guthrie, C. D. Glendy, Wm. West, Dr. Paul E. Coil.

OUR \$15.00 Men's suit is a good one, price this week \$9.75. Try one. RICKETTS & EMMONS D. G. Co.

JUDGE X. P. Wifley, an attorney of St. Louis, born and raised in Audrain county, and Rev. A. W. Kokendoffer, of this city, addressed a mass meeting of citizens on the temperance question at the Mexico Methodist church last Sunday afternoon. Both were masterly talks favoring local option and prohibition. The popularity of the saloon in Mexico is losing out rapidly.

We claim to be selling the best clothing in Mexico for the money. You are to be the judge. Examine and be convinced.

RICKETTS & EMMONS D. G. Co.

The body of Dr. George Hamilton, who died in Colorado last week, was brought to Benton City and interred in Harmony cemetery.

A. H. Robertson of near Laddonia sold 43 steers in St. Louis at \$2.65. They averaged 1,279 lbs.

John H. Pierson and wife and son arrived in Mexico more than a week since from Illinois, expecting to meet their household goods which they shipped two weeks ago. The goods have not yet arrived and the railroad company is not able to find the car. Aggravating and costly. Mr. Pierson bought the W. C. Duty farm near Auxvasse.

W. C. Duty, who sold his farm recently near Auxvasse, has bought L. Grimm's residence in Mexico and moved to our city this week.

## WINTER TOURIST RATES

Via the Wabash R. R.

To certain points in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mexico, Mississippi, New Mexico, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, on sale daily until April 30th return limit June 1st, 1908. For further information call or address I. N. Richards, Ticket Agt.

## LET ANY MAN ANSWER.

The following recently appeared in the Missouri Issue, a St. Louis publication.

Mexico, Mo., Oct. 25, 1907.

Dear Sir:—Enclosed find check for \$6.00 subscription to campaign fund. I also wish you God speed and success in the work of Local Option for Missouri.

In Mexico we are admonished that the question of license for the saloon must be treated as a business matter and in a business way. Granting this to be true, I submit to the friends of high license the following three propositions:

1. He who purchases alcoholic liquors as a beverage gets absolutely no adequate returns for the money so far as the sustenance of life and health are concerned.
2. Its use and indulgence has a detrimental effect on all who are given to drink, and on their families.
3. It has been held by the courts that the indulgence in alcoholic drink has a positive tendency towards disorders and crime.

From a business standpoint, what, let me ask, is the price which should be charged for a license which authorizes one to engage in a traffic which produces these results?

In Mexico we have the so-called high license, \$3000 per year for each saloon, five in all. We claim a population of 7500 souls. Thus counting men women and children, we receive 40 cents per head from each saloon. Will some business man who favors high license or any license at all, please tell me if 40 cents is enough from a business standpoint? rather is it not true that license boards regulate the price of license to suit the convenience of the liquor dealers and to perpetuate the traffic and not with a view of getting compensation for the harm inflicted?

Yours for the cause  
S. D. STOCKS.

MEXICO had the State Poultry show but we let it slip out of our hands. Allowed it to go to Sedalia. Over 3,000 chickens have been entered for the show this year and 1,200 persons have secured rooms who will visit the exhibit. The meeting would have been worth \$10,000 to Mexico.